

Weekly Status & Information Report: April 9 - 13, 2012

1. Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of April 16, 2012:

- City Council meeting, Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
- Washington Adventist Hospital Land Use Committee meeting, Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- City Council meeting (budget work session), Thursday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium

All meetings are held in the Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue, and open to the public unless noted otherwise. *(City Clerk)*

2. Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget: The City Council will hold a public hearing on the City Manager's proposed budget on Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. The proposed budget is available for review:

<http://takomaparkmd.gov/finance/budget.html>. All interested persons are invited to testify at the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to clerk@takomagov.org. *(City Clerk)*

3. Passport Services Closed: The City of Takoma Park Passport Office will be closed from Thursday, April 19, to Friday, April 27. No applications will be accepted during this time. Services will resume on Monday, April 30. The City of Takoma Park regrets the inconvenience. *(Passport Agent)*

4. Ride-On Bus Visit - April 14: This is a reminder that the demonstration of the small clean-diesel Ride-On bus that may replace the gasoline-fueled buses along Routes 18 and 25 is scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at 9:00 a.m., in the parking lot of the Takoma Park Community Center. Between 9:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., the bus will travel sections of the 18 and 25 routes. *(Deputy City Manager)*

5. Save the Date for Ward 5 Night: On Monday, May 7, Ward 5 residents are invited to join the City Council for a reception and light snacks in the Community Center Atrium Lobby. Following the reception, Ward 5 residents are welcome to address the City Council about issues of interest and concern in the ward. *(City Clerk)*

6. Opening of "Feather Fancy" - Saturday, April 14: Imagine a painting of delicate spring flowers in which the artist creates all the flowers not with paint but with birds' feathers. Trained in her native Russia as a painter, Galina is celebrated for her innovative technique of creating elegant nature images using bird feathers to depict her subjects. These contemplative pieces, which seem to shimmer as they catch the light, depict moonlit scenes, butterflies and birds, flowers, and abstracts, as well as the starry cosmos. Opening reception - Saturday, April 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

7. Opening of "Petal and Leaf" - Saturday, April 14: Silver Spring duo Coriolana Simon and Douglas Wolters of Shared Vision Photography bring their special way of seeing nature to an exhibition titled 'Petal and Leaf'. The photographs capture easily identifiable everyday nature subjects – a rose, a dried leaf, the bark of a tree – and transform them into abstracted landscapes or ambiguous objects. For Simon and Wolters, nature reveals as much beauty in a blossom at its prime as in the dryness and twisted forms of a flower's final days. Opening reception - Saturday, April 14 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Galleries at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue. *(Housing and Community Development)*

8. "Three Stories of Galicia" Screening and Discussion - Wednesday, April 18: Would you risk your life to save your enemy? Galicia tells the story of three courageous individuals, trapped between Hitler and Stalin, who had the courage to risk everything and do what was right. Following the screening, filmmakers Sarah Farhat and Olha Onyshko will answer questions about the content and making of the film. Offered by We are Takoma - Film and Docs in Progress in observance of the Days of Remembrance, the nation's annual commemoration of the Holocaust. Wednesday, April 18 – 7:00 p.m. at the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. Free admission. www.facebook.com/TakomaParkMD/events. *(Housing and Community Development)*

9. Third Thursday Poetry Reading - Thursday, April 19: Never been to a poetry reading? Curious? Join us at this monthly happening to hear the poetry of Caroline Wilkins, Joyce Latham, Michele Wolf, and Marjorie Sadin. Thursday, April 19 – 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center – Azalea Room. Free Admission. *(Housing and Community Development)*

10. Calling all "Recycling Artists!": The City of Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is soliciting applications for its first Recycling Artist-in-Residence Program. Artists working with recycled materials are encouraged to apply for this brand new two-month summer residency. The application deadline is April 30. For more information see <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/>. The Application Form can be found at <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEhOSnpTem96SIbmSWRIcm5BVVhYa0E6MQ>. For more information, contact Sara Anne Daines at SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

11. Exhibitions Director - Deadline April 30: The Takoma Park Arts and Humanities Commission is seeking an individual to coordinate the Takoma Park Community Center exhibits program beginning July 1. The Exhibits Director serves as the key point of contact for the exhibits program, solicits and reviews proposals, and assists exhibitors in logistical activities. For more information and a copy of the application packet, contact Sara Anne Daines at SaraD@takomagov.org. *(Housing and Community Development)*

12. New HCD Employee: The Housing and Community Development Department is pleased to welcome Ms. Rosalind Grigsby to the City. In her new role as Community Development Coordinator, Ms. Grigsby will oversee the Community Development

Division, working in part on the implementation of the Takoma Langley Sector Plan, the New Hampshire Avenue Corridor Initiative, and other economic development and neighborhood revitalization projects. Prior to joining the City, Ms. Grigsby served as the Executive Director of the Old Takoma Business Association. *(Housing and Community Development)*

13. **Departing HCD Employee:** The Housing and Community Development Department congratulates Code Enforcement Inspector Walter Garcia on his new position with the City of Rockville. On staff for over three years in the City's Code Enforcement Division, Mr. Garcia's tenacity, professionalism, and expertise will be greatly missed. *(Housing and Community Development)*

14. **Softball – More Players Needed:** Register today! The Takoma Park Recreation Department is looking for more individuals to register for the Adult Co-ed Softball League. Games begin this Sunday at 9:30 a.m. For more information please contact EricR@takomagov.org or call (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*

15. **Teen Spring Break Camp 2012:** During the week of April 2, 2012 the Teen Spring Break Camp volunteered at various locations as a way to contribute to the community and earn service hours. Teens found the camp to be rewarding as they visited Sarah's House, Interfaith Clothing Center, and Wider Circle; each location offered a different volunteering experience. Recreation staff member Bradley Williams said that he received several compliments about the teens and was proud of the group. *(Recreation)*

16. **Teen Mentor Program:** Next week the Department will begin a Teen Mentor program which consists of older teens helping the middle school pre-teens with homework, social issues, and just someone to talk to when needed. Teen staff supervision and training will take place prior to participation in the program. For more details please contact Bradley Williams at (301) 891-7290. *(Recreation)*

17. **Senior Tennis:** Volunteer instructor, Pat Rumbaugh, led the Senior Tennis program which began this past week. Twelve enthusiastic seniors participated in practice games and learned the basics of tennis. For information about this six-week program, please contact Paula Lisowski, Seniors Program Manager, at 301-891-7280 or PaulaL@takomagov.org. *(Recreation)*

18. **Free Tax Service for Seniors:** The last free tax service day on April 12 was very popular with seniors, who filled all the appointment time slots. The Takoma Park Recreation Department partnered with AARP and the Montgomery County RSVP to bring this free tax aide program to Takoma Park seniors. *(Recreation)*

19. **Kids Night Out – Fun For All:** Another rousing evening was had at Kids Night Out when 32 youths, ages 6-12, came to the Takoma Park Recreation Center on Friday, April 6 to participate in activities such as Kickball, Dodgeball, Wii, Foosball and Table Tennis. Everyone had a wonderful time. To participate in the next "Kids Night Out" please contact the Recreation Center at (301) 891-7289. *(Recreation)*

20. **Tai Chi at the Recreation Center:** Tai Chi is offered at Takoma Park Recreation Center on Tuesdays at 6:00 pm. This class covers the basic principles and concepts. It is effective in restoring balance and calm in our lives. The slow, gentle movements and relaxed breathing harmonize energy and flow in the body. Instructor: Kirk Talbott (Senior student of the late Robert W. Smith). *(Recreation)*

21. **Outdoor "Pick up" Soccer:** Registration is underway for the after school Outdoor "Pick up" Soccer program. This recreational, competitive and instructional program is open to boys and girls in grades 1-3 and grades 4-5. For more information or to register today please contact the Recreation Department at (301) 891-7290. Program begins April 26, 2012. *(Recreation)*

22. **Circle Time:** The Library's monthly French Circle Time with Madame Marie returns tomorrow – Saturday, April 14 - at 10:30 a.m. Features songs and rhymes in French for young children. No registration necessary. *(Library)*

23. **Banned Books:** Members of the Junior Banned Books club will meet on Monday, April 16, at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion of "Sideways Stories From the Wayside School" by Louis Sachar. For kids in grades 3 through 5. Registration is encouraged. *(Library)*

24. **Earth Day:** Kids are invited to celebrate Earth Day with Rosanne Singer on Wednesday, April 18, at 7:00 p.m. This special program will feature poetry spotlighting Sligo Creek and its animals and wildlife. Using an African folk poem, Dance of the Animals, kids ages 5 and up will create their own local folk poem with words and movement, and create art with recycled materials. Registration is required! Please visit www.takomapark.info/library or call us at 301-891-7259. *(Library)*

25. **Scribblers Cabal:** A special "Scribblers Cabal" will be held Saturday, April 21, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come join Dave Burbank, library assistant and artist extraordinaire for an afternoon of drawing. For ages 5 and up. Registration encouraged. *(Library)*

26. **Meeting Friends:** The Friends of the Library Board holds its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 7:45 in the Library. *(Library)*

27. **Favorite Poem Evening:** Twenty-six people read a favorite poem at the Library's 13th annual Favorite Poem Evening on Tuesday April 10. Another twenty people came to listen to the poems and enjoy the refreshments and conversation afterwards. The favorites included a poem read in Arabic, another in French, choices by familiar and less familiar poets, and readers of different

ages and backgrounds - including a 5 year old boy and his father, State Senator Jamie Raskin, and Takoma Park Councilmember Kay Daniels-Cohen who observed her birthday at the event. Takoma Park Poet Laureate Merrill Leffler concluded the readings with selection by former U.S. Poet Laureate Reed Whittemore, who passed away on April 7 at the age of 93. *(Library)*

28. Officers in Training:

- On April 5, Sgt. Cipperly, Pfc. Atwell and Pfc. Quante attended training entitled "CHAMP – Child Maltreatment Training" at the MPCTC Public Safety & Education Training Center in Sykesville.
- On April 12, Pfc. Quante attended training entitled "Street Narcotic Investigation for Road Patrol" at the Maryland State Police Training Division in Sykesville. *(Police)*

29. Community Outreach Officer (Pfc. Carla Magnaye):

- On April 9, Community Outreach Officer Carla Magnaye conducted morning business checks in the 1300 block of University Blvd. and the 7600/7500/7400 blocks of New Hampshire Avenue. She created a write-up of a monthly safety topic (elderly abuse & neglect). She conducted foot patrol in the 1100 block of University Blvd. She also attended an outreach meeting with the assistant property manager and residents of 7333 New Hampshire Avenue (Takoma Overlook).
- On April 10, Officer Magnaye assisted with working a crossing guard post in the morning. She worked on the "Agents for the Property" project. She also made amendments and clarifications to the CARE program. She met with the MD/DC Anti-Car Theft Committee to get trained on how to use the V.I.N. Etching program for the upcoming event on April 14th.
- On April 11, Officer Magnaye assisted with working a crossing guard post in the afternoon. She provided CARE program information and forms to the policy/research manager for the program. She also contacted MCP 3D Community Service Officer in reference to their involvement in the Triad/SALT (Senior Citizen Program).
- On April 12, Officer Magnaye assisted with working a crossing guard post in the morning and afternoon shifts. She conducted foot patrol in the 8600 block of Flower Avenue. She also prepared for a general safety/bullying presentation for Green Hills Daycare.
- On April 13, Officer Magnaye held a presentation for the Green Hills Daycare. *(Police)*

30. CRIME REPORT: The most recent Takoma Park Police Weekly Crime Report (April 6 - 12, 2012) may be viewed online at: http://cathylevy.blogspot.com/2012/04/takoma-park-police-department-weekly_12.html *(Police)*

31. Traffic Enforcement: Officers conducted at least 151 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, eight vehicle impounds, three arrests from traffic and one Driving Under the Influence (DUI) arrest from traffic.

During April 3-9, 2012, the following details were completed:

April 3, 2012

- Belford Drive at Prince George's Avenue (stop sign enforcement) – conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Prince George's Avenue at Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- 7200 blocks of 13th and 14th Avenue (speeding delivery trucks) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

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- 900 block of Merrimac Drive (stop sign enforcement-tag reader violations) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.
- Flower Avenue & Jackson Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.

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- 13th Avenue & Erskine Street (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations and one arrest from traffic for possession of controlled dangerous substance (CDS) with the intent to distribute.
- Prince George's Avenue & Belford Drive (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.
- Prince George's Avenue at Elm Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

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- Ethan Allen Avenue at Jackson Avenue (no right turn) - conducted a 90-minute detail and issued five State citations and three warnings.
- Erskine Street at 13th Place (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued three State citations.
- 1100 block of University Blvd. (red light enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued 14 State citations. *(Police)*

32. Traffic Officer Stats (Cpl. Michelle Holmes):

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State Citations issued: 51

City Citations issued: 4

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 7

Warnings: 4

(Police)